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### NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Dennis Clark, a former employee of Prudential Insurance with conspiracy, bank fraud, unauthorized use of a computer and aggravated identity theft.

According to the indictment, from December 2006 through September 2007, Clark stole names, social security numbers, addresses, dates of birth, and bank account information of customers of Prudential Insurance and then provided that information to others who used the stolen identity information to manufacture false photographic identifications in the names of more than forty Prudential customers. Other individuals, known as “check runners,” from December 2006 through December 2007, went to the banks where the Prudential customers had accounts, posed as the Prudential customers, and cashed, or attempted to cash, fraudulent checks made payable to those Prudential customers, or withdrew, or attempted to withdraw, money from those Prudential customers’ bank accounts. The banks in which these Prudential customers had accounts include Citizens Bank, Sovereign Bank M&T Bank, Wachovia Bank, and Commerce Bank.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
DENNIS CLARK	Elkins Park, PA	30

If convicted of the conspiracy, Clark faces a statutory maximum sentence of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment per count. If convicted of bank fraud, on each count, Clark faces a statutory maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and a special assessment of \$100. If convicted of unauthorized use of a computer, Clark faces a statutory maximum sentence of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. If convicted of aggravated identity theft, Clark faces a statutory mandatory sentence of 2 years imprisonment, to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed for the bank fraud, unauthorized use of a computer, or conspiracy.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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